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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- FEELING OF RELIEF AT HAVING WEATHERED STORM (I.E. PEKING VISIT) WAS EVIDENT THIS WEEK IN PRESS COMMENT, ALTHOUGH COUPLED WITH EXHORTATIONS FOR GREATER EFFORTS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST NORMALIZATION. ATTITUDE WAS EXEMPLIFIED BY UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO - 600,000) EDITORIAL WHICH DISCUSSED PHILOSOPHICALLY ADVERSITIES RECENTLY FACE BY TAIWAN: TWO TYPHOONS, NORMALIZATION AND VANCE TRIP, CONTRASTING THEM WITH ENCOURAGING FACTORS: RAPID RECOVERY FROM TYPHOONS, PILOT FAN'S DEFECTION, LACK OF RESULTS FROM VANCE VISIT, LITTLE LEAGUE TRIUMPHS AND WANG CHENG-CHIH'S (SADAHARU OH) RECORD-BREAKING 757TH HOMER. "WE HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE THAN BEFORE AS RESULT OF THESE ENCOURAGEMENTS," PAPER SAID, "BUT WE SHOULD NOT THINK DIFFICULTIES HAVE PASSED AND BECOME LAX IN OUR EFFORTS. WE SHOULD REDEDICATE OURSELVES WITH MORE EFFORT TO BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR COUNTRY."

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-- ROC HOPES TO COUNTER NORMALIZATION EFFORTS RECEIVED BOOST FROM AP INTERVIEW WITH TENG HSIAO-PING WHICH WAS WIDELY REPORTED HERE ON PAGE ONE. ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENT REACTION REPORTING PLAYED DOWN BY OFFICIAL PAPERS, TOP-CIRCULATION PRIVATE DAILIES, UNITED DAILY NEWS AND CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO - 530,000), DEVOTED FRONTPAGES

TO STORY, REPORTING COMMENTS BY FORD, HODDING CARTER AND CARRYING AFP-REPORTED PEKING LIAISON OFFICIAL'S DENIAL OF PROPOSED SWITCH IN REPRESENTATION. TO DATE EDITORIAL COMMENT SLIGHT. CHINA TIMES SAID TENG'S REMARKS "UNNECESSARY" AS VANCE'S TRIP ALREADY DESCRIBED AS EXPLORATORY AND NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER TALKS. PAPER FELT REASON FOR REMARKS WAS TO EXPRESS PEKING'S "UNYIELDING STAND" IN ANY FUTURE TALKS WITH HUNG HUA IN U.S. UNITED DAILY NEWS, IN SPECIAL ARTICLE, THOUGHT TENG'S REMARKS, SHOWED "STRONG PRC DISSATISFACTION" OVER VANCE TRIP AND AIMED AT WINNING SUPPORT FROM PRO-PRC AND LEFTIST AMERICANS.

-- OTHER ENCOURAGING FACTORS NOTED IN THE PRESS WERE REMARKS BY OKSENBERG TO POLITICAL SCIENTISTS' CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON AND REPORTED CHANGE IN HOLBROOKE'S VIEWS ON THE ROC AFTER HIS VISIT HERE. ACCORDING TO CHINA TIMES CORRESPONDENT FU CHIEN-CHUNG OKSENBERG DISCUSSED PRC PROBLEMS AND FAILURES IN CONVENTION SEMINAR. SAME CORRESPONDENT ALSO REPORTED "AMERICAN OFFICIALS" BELIEVED HOLBROOKE VISIT HERE "GREATLY STABILIZED AND CONSOLIDATED" U.S.-ROC RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH NORMALIZATION TALKS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, "GENERAL IMPRESSION" IS THAT HOLBROOKE'S IDEA ON NORMALIZATION IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT" THAN BEFORE VISIT, FU SAID.

IN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL, CHINA TIMES NOTED REPORT
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OF HOLBROOKE'S CHANGED ATTITUDE AND HOPED THAT OKSENBERG'S CRITICISM OF PEKING MEANT "HE HAD REVISED HIS STAND OR THAT THERE ARE REVISIONS OF BASIC POLICY ON HIGHER LEVEL."

-- IN OTHER COMMENT, PRESS RETURNED TO THEME OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAINLAND AND PROMOTED DEFECTOR FAN YUAN-YEN'S INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. CHINA DAILY NEWS (CHUNG HUA JIH PAO - 140,000) SAW HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAINLAND AS "CRUCIAL TEST" OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND HOPED ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT "SHUT DOOR" ON FAN. GREAT CHINA EVENING NEWS (TA HUA WAN PAO - 60,000) THOUGHT FAN'S LETTER TO DOS REQUESTING HELP FOR HIS FAMILY "DOES NOT HAVE ANY POLITICAL MEANING" BUT BASIC TO "HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN NATURE." AS TO FAN'S INVITATION FROM U.S. CONGRESSMEN, PAPER PROPOSED FAN ACCEPT IT "SO AS NOT TO DISAPPOINT THEM."

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

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